

Instructor Costs for Training Instructor Classes

In order to offer these classes the current requirement is to have one master instructor for the full length of each class (40 hours). The classes have a limit of 25 students. If there are more than 16 students it is required to have a second master instructor for the teaching demonstration portion of the class (16 hours). The Fire Instructor series had a maximum limit of 40 students. This maximum limit, of 25, is lower than any maximum limit at my college. Our English writing classes have a limit of 28 students per section with one instructor.

Most community colleges have a minimum class size of 20 students. However some have increased their minimum to 25 students.

Here are the instructor costs for some of our colleges:

College:	Santa Rose	Rio Hondo	San Diego
Hourly Wage:	\$87.19	\$80.19	\$71.21
Total Inst. Hrs:	<u> x56 </u>	<u> x56 </u>	<u> x56 </u>
	\$4,882.64	\$4,490.64	\$3,987.76

These figures represent a 40% increase in cost over a straight lecture class.

Recently a maximum class size of 32 has been authorized under the condition that two master instructors be present for the entire class, creating a 100% increase in cost over a straight lecture class.

This would increase instructor costs to between \$5,700.00 and \$7,000.00 for the above institutions. Classes with costs of 40% to 100% over lecture classes with one instructor will make it difficult if not impossible for us to receive approval from our colleges to offer these classes.

We do not dispute the need for a second instructor for the teaching demonstrations if the class has over 16 students. However, we would request that the second instructor only be required for the teaching demonstration days and that the class limit be increased to 32 students. We respectfully submit that one master instructor should be able to handle 32 students for the lecture portion.

These changes would assist the community colleges in enabling us to offer these classes more cost effectively. As stated earlier without these changes, in the current economic environment, many Fire Technology programs may find it difficult to get approval from their colleges to offer these classes.